

**ABSTRACT**

Method and apparatus for operating a data processing system. The data processing system hosts an operating system that is coupled to a management interface processor, wherein the management interface processor is coupled to a network having a plurality of computer systems coupled thereto. One or more instances of an independently operable console view are initiated on one or more of the computer systems, and one or more logical console objects are instantiated on the management interface processor. On selected ones of the computer systems, one or more instances of a system operations program are configured to transmit data received from a console view to the logical console object and transmit data received from a logical console object to one or more instances of a console view. The instances of the system operations program are coupled to the logical console objects, respectively, and in response to user-initiated connection requests for each of the one or more instances of the console view, each instance of the console view is coupled to a selected instance of the system operations program.